House Resolution No. 688

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize an outstanding group of young Missourians who have generously donated their time and talent to honor the memory of a fellow student; and

Whereas, friends of the late Nathan Fritsche, who was just sixteen years old when he lost his life in a car accident on February 9, 2001, recently completed the restoration of a tractor that Nathan had been working on at the time of his death; and

Whereas, the tractor, a 1943 Farmall which had been taken apart and was in several pieces, had been a Christmas gift to Nathan's parents, Gerald and Sandy Fritsche of Perryville; and

Whereas, Future Farmers of America (FFA) members worked together with students in Dave Werner's auto collision class at the Perryville Area Career Center to clean, sand, and repaint the body of the tractor, and restore it to perfect working condition; and

Whereas, a dependable and outgoing teenager who had a lot of fun with his friends in the FFA, Nathan Fritsche greatly enjoyed working on his family's farm with his father or helping his neighbors make hay and had hoped to use the money he made from restoring tractors and other auto body work to fund his farm habit; and

Whereas, those individuals who worked to restore Nathan's tractor include Auto Collision Class Instructor Dave Werner, FFA adviser Steve King, and FFA members Michael Bachmann, Eric Wahlers, Tim Neislein, Brandon Buerck, Nick Romann, Gabe Geringer, Michael Meyer, Patrick Meyer, Chris Boland, Gregg Meyer, Terry Schneier, Kevin Martyn, Steven Miesner, Chad Miesner, John Fritsche, Chuck Meyer, and Kip Sticht; and

Whereas, it is only through the unparalleled leadership of such dedicated individuals as Dave Werner that Nathan's dream has now become a reality:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, unanimously join in expressing our utmost appreciation to Dave Werner for his efforts in the restoration of a 1943 Farmall tractor for the loved ones of the late Nathan Fritsche, and in wishing him tremendous peace and contentment as he basks in the glow of a job well done; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Dave Werner.

Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 688, adopted March 11, 2002.

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